

**BUTTE-SILVER BOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
STUDY COMMISSION**

**Minutes of the Meeting  
April 28, 2005  
Butte-Silver Bow Courthouse, First Floor Conference Room**

***Meeting Date:*** April 28, 2005

***Time:*** 5:30 p.m.

***Place:*** Butte-Silver Bow County Courthouse, First Floor Conference Room

***Call to Order:*** Chairman Bob Worley brought the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. and called roll with the following results:

***Members Present:*** Tony Bonney, Ristene Hall, Wayne Harper, Meg Sharp, Cindi Shaw, Northey Tretheway, Bob Worley and Ron Rowling

***Excused Absence:*** Shag Miller, Dave Palmer

***Approval of Minutes:*** Meg Sharp entertained a motion to approve the minutes for April 21, Northey Tretheway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

***Comments from Ron Rowling:*** He thanked Paul for attending the meeting and heard Meg Sharp and Cindy Shaw had a good afternoon yesterday at lunch and thanked them for getting there and giving the presentation.

***Citizen's Comments:*** Nobody in the audience to made comments.

***Items not Addressed on the Agenda:*** Meg gave a report on the luncheon that she and Cindi Shaw attended. Cindi Shaw started by giving a brief history and talking about the study commission in general. They commented on questions regarding the proposed survey. Meg stated that members of the club were quite vocal which she felt was quite welcoming and one discussed the possibility of looking into a city manager and find what the pros and cons would be. There was a question on whether the Sheriff should continue to be elected or appointed by the CEO, with the approval of the council. One brought up the question if we went to a city manager, who would do the appointing and didn't feel it would be a hired gun. Meg and Cindi Shaw asked about the number of members of the Council of Commissioners. They got replies such as, the bigger the ward the longer it would take them to get something done. Someone else mentioned that there had to be a large enough board in order to have the necessary committees to look into the different areas and felt there should be an odd number rather than an even number. When Meg Sharp and Cindi Shaw discussed electing the commissioners either by district or county wide, people thought if it were countywide it would be more balanced. One person spoke very strongly for districts. When Meg Sharp asked about a centralized complaint department or an ombudsman there was one person who felt very strongly that the

government doesn't need any more departments. Someone else suggested that maybe the telephone operator should be the one to direct calls to the correct department. Questions were brought up about the cemetery.

Meg Sharp stated that they felt there should be a park specifically devoted to the cemeteries and making sure they correspond with it.

Meg mentioned that there was one person who suggested the Council of Commissioners continue to be elected but should be paid as full-time employees of the government. Meg had no more suggestions and commented that the election should be non-partition.

Cindi commented that they had a group of eight people and thought they were very well received. People had a lot of questions and felt enthusiastic about Butte in general. People are recognizing that things are happening and thought that we are in a good year for the city commission. Cindy also felt that people responded more to suggestions such as making reformatations next year.

Bob McCarthy commented about Sunset Memorial Gardens. He stated they got into Sunset Memorial Gardens in the late 1990's and a consumer complaint belonged to the State of Montana due to so many complaints from family members who had friends and relatives that were buried at the cemetery. According to Bob he stated that it simply dissolved to the point to where nobody was doing anything. The cemetery started in the early 1950's and was located in an office on Granite Street. It appeared that the cemetery was a marketing operation. Five-six salesmen were selling plots and it attracted the Lieutenant Governor. Judy Martz's parents were buried there and became involved in the suit. Suit started by filing the complaint from the Consumer Protection Laws; trying to tell the owners to fix the cemetery but instead they disappeared and it turned out it was an organization that was without any assets. Parts of the cemetery had been sold. There were three parts of the cemetery originally. The owners mortgaged the first two parts and lost those in the 1950's and 1960's for failure to make the payments so they could acquire other parts of the cemetery. After several hearings, it was discovered that there were press agreements and the Trust Company was sued because the cemetery had no access. Judgment against the Trust Company in Billings was made in late 2003. Last summer, Pioneer Technical Engineering was retained to design a sprinkler system. The current sprinkler system had completely collapsed. They had lost their water rights over the years and part of the property they had lost was being paid for. There was a temporary agreement in place on the water rights. They began to install a sprinkler system at the cemetery late last fall but did not get finished before winter. Hopefully by early summer, as soon as the sprinkler system is in place (the council has expressed this feeling many times over the last couple years) they will sell this thing. With the sprinkler system in place we are going to sell this and it will not be something we are going to have so Bob does not think we will want to have any board or anything like. We want to get rid of it and hopefully that is what is going to happen and that has been our goal since the beginning. The real reason we ended up with it is simultaneously with our filing this action in the State of Montana, it just recorded under the consumer protection laws, The taxes had not been paid on it and we acquired title to this several years ago through the

tax forfeiture process. We acquired this cemetery because they didn't pay the taxes on it. It was taxable because it was a for-profit organization. We owned this for several years now through the tax forfeiture laws. So hopefully someone will buy it and will operate it once there is a sprinkler system in place so they can water it. Sprinkler system was completely it was a patchwork system that never was effective. Now with a sprinkler system in place, we have the records. I think the records are as good as we are going to get them.

Meg Sharp asked who ran it. Bob McCarthy answered, the District Court. Bob McCarthy commented that Susan Maloney, who deals with people who have questions regarding cemetery plots, responds directly to Judge Whalen. This was first filed at Judge Purcell's court who left in 2000. The case was then transferred to Judge Whalen's court. Bob McCarthy commented that we don't sell any new plots and that families who have purchased plots are allowed to have relatives buried. Most have prepaid services and have to pay again because there are no funds to pay for the burial services. Money through a variety of different operations and administrations, at least three over the years, since 1950 or 1951 simply disappeared. Not enough money was received from the Trust Company. The Trust company made a comment that they allowed one of the operators to borrow against the trust fund and to their surprise and shock they found they were liable for some of these things. So the money we got essentially is to put the cemetery back into a condition where it is safe and it appears to be decently worked. There were some dangerous things out there and fixed some things, removed a lot of junk, removed some old buildings, old vehicles, and patched the wall.

Bob Worley commented that he hoped this thing would go back together and it is not something the government will have to run.

Bob Worley commented that the District Court thinks the County should run it and has put in a lot of money into it. Bob Worley's own thoughts on it were that we are competing with the private industry when these types of things are done.

***Other Topics Discussed:*** Bob Worley discussed the conference call with Ken Weaver from Montana State. Ken has been helping with the survey. Bob Worley asked Shelly or Linda to set up the call. Bob Worley mentioned that the conference call would last for about an hour. Bob Worley has called Mt Standard on Bob McCarthy's advice that we would not adjourn the meeting tonight and we would extend it until tomorrow. Bob Worley discussed having the conference call scheduled sometime in May since Ken will be gone for two weeks.

Monday, May 2, 2005 is the Anaconda Study Commission Public Hearing. The hearing will be held in the Courthouse Courtroom in Anaconda and will start at 6:30 p.m. Bob Worley visited with Dave Palmer and discussed everyone meeting in front of the Butte-Silver Bow Courthouse around 5:30 and would all go over together. Shelly Jones has sent this to the newspaper stating that we would be attending the Study commission as a group.

***Guest Speaker:*** CEO Paul Babb

Paul Babb started out by mentioning two major areas: 1) the management of the budget and 2) the employees and Department heads. Paul Babb commented that he is working closely with Jeff Amerman and Danette Gleason on the budget so there is a clear understanding of things that have happened in the past and where things need to go in the future. The upcoming budget cycle, Paul Babb is looking to hold the line where no increases will be made in the budget. Paul Babb's reason is because he is the new at being the CEO and has had only a few months to understand the budget. He feels it would not be the best interest of Butte-Silver Bow to make sweeping changes. What he has been communicating to Department Heads and other elected officials who are requesting changes to the budget, is to first let them know that major changes will not be made and that over next year is where a thorough analysis of the budget will be made. Paul Babb stated that he did not see a lot of changes being made to budget in 2005-2006 but that he will use the next fiscal year to really analyze the budget to make sure we are prioritizing things and working the most efficient way for the county government.

Paul Babb then went on to discuss management of the staff and Department Heads. Paul Babb believes that the Chief Executive's Office should not be micro-managing the departments. Paul Babb stated that the Department Heads that he has, he relies on very heavily to make sure they are doing the right thing and that they are managing their departments so they are serving the citizens of Butte-Silver Bow to the best of their ability. The way that Paul Babb manages this is every Friday, he asks for a staff report that is put on the Intranet site so that everyone in the county will know everything that is happening within the various departments from a high level. Paul Babb does not want to see staff reports that are too lengthy and take a long time for people to get through and making it hard to figure what is happening in those departments. Paul Babb would like it to be from a high level where he can look at the report on a one-page document and understand what is happening in every department. Paul Babb stated this is because when he is out in the community, the people of the community, are asking what is happening in the various departments. Paul Babb is able to stay on top of this through the staff reports. Paul Babb stated this is something that not only he relies on but to have this put on the Intranet so anyone working for the county government can access this and see what is happening in the various departments. Paul Babb stated this is key because anybody in the government who says they don't understand what is happening in the various departments is at fault of their own, because it is put on the Intranet site where they have access to it and from a high level they can view that. Paul Babb stated every other week they meet as a department staff in Paul Babb's office. Paul Babb stated in the meetings they do not go around the room and rehash what is happening on a day-to-day basis within those dept's but tackle issues, problems, and projects that are facing the government. So when they meet as a staff, they are taking on projects such as community enrichment, and how they can make sure that we are taking care of animal control and the Humane Society so that we have needs that need to be addressed by the departments and we are all on the same page.

Tony Bonney commented that it was the first time he had heard of the Internet sites. He asked if Paul was planning on publicizing it so people of the community will know. Paul replied that it is not on the Internet and that it is on the Intranet and the only people who can access it are county employees. Paul Babb stated one of the things he has communicated is that things of a sensitive nature, or anything that you are going to send out, is public knowledge. So when staff reports are put together it is something that the public can look at but is put on the Intranet site so people within the county have the ability to know what is happening in every department. We work through Linda Sajor Joyce to make that happen. We started out doing it electronically via e-mail but evolved to the Intranet site.

Tony Bonney asked if there were any plans of having the staff reports publicized on the Internet where the public can be made aware of projects such as the demolition of buildings. Paul Babb stated that he does not have any plans of doing that because he would rather the public go directly to a specific department and to the staff within that department who are educated enough to know what is happening on a high level. Paul Babb stated that as far as putting the staff report on the Internet, it is something he has not thought of but has not ruled it out completely.

Northey Tretheway asked about next year in regard to analyzing the budgets and seeing where things could be more economized. He asked Paul Babb how he planned on doing this and asked him if he would be using benchmarks or how he would get to the point where the budget looked like it should. He also asked about the public being made aware of this issue. Paul Babb stated that one thing needing to be done is to find out from every department, from a strategic and efficiency standpoint, what are the most important things in those departments and then start prioritizing. Paul Babb stated that what he has seen for quite a few years is the budget, for the most part, has remained the same and so things are becoming more of a priority in our community such as, public safety or events in public works. Paul Babb asked how do we interface with the community and with the department and prioritize with limited dollars to decide what is going to be funded and at what level. Paul Babb has been sitting down with Jeff Amerman and Danette Gleason to come to terms of understanding where the budget is at currently and to next see where each department wants to go. Paul Babb stated that it is going to be very involved with every Department Head reaching down to their supervisors and find out what the employees want and then reaching to the community to see what they want such as, public infrastructure, the Humane Society or the number of police officers. For example, Paul hears that more officers are needed and has not seen that defined yet and until that number is defined more money can't put in without knowing what that number is. Those are the types of things being done in the budget analysis and the department heads will be key in that.

Northey Tretheway stated that he remembers seeing in the charter a periodic update of the budgets and that it is supposed to be published. Northey Tretheway asked if the budgets and expenditures that are taking place in each department are published currently. Paul Babb responded that anything having to do with the budget is public record so anybody can access that information at any time. However, where he can see

having the budget published is when it goes through the Council cycle, when everything is submitted to the Council. The public has access to that and that is where the Council members are looking at the budget until it is put where they are going to make a decision to approve the budget.

The comparison of the budget and the actual expenditures are by department and shown before the Council for every meeting. Paul Babb replied that the Council has a budget book and they have access to the budget as much as they want as well as anyone from the public that would like a copy of the budget that is readily available. If anybody had any real specific budget questions, that is where they can sit down with someone from the Budget department and go through each line item if he/she wanted to. The budget is published as soon as it is signed off by the Council and is available to the public.

Northey Tretheway asked if the Study Commission has a copy of the budget? Tony Bonney believed that a copy was at the library. Bob Worley stated he was unsure when it mentioned in the charter about the budget being published, did it mean it is published in the council or is it distributed some place around town. Tony Bonney stated that he believed the only copy was at the library or courthouse. Bob Worley stated that what he has heard the most, and he had received a letter from a constituent regarding the budget, is that it is hard to understand because so many things are broken up such as wages, where people work in the county and so forth. Bob Worley stated that he realizes it is done for a reason according to state law but would like to know if there was some way the Budget and Finance department could simplify it.

Paul Babb stated that Jeff Amerman is going through his analysis and putting together worksheets/snapshots and that the budget format could be simplified, only that it needs to be cognizant of whatever work is decided to be done, know that we have limited labor and start looking at things that we really want to have a good understanding of. Paul Babb commented that each thing is broke down so there is a good snapshot and worksheet providing an understanding of what it is we are looking for.

Northey Tretheway replied that the general public would feel much more comfortable by seeing where it is their money is going to in the government and being able to read and understand it in terms of plain English.

Bob Worley commented that government books are probably done a whole lot different than private industry is done. He spoke about how one can go through a private industry's financial statement and see where different monies are being spent and that the county's is difficult. Bob Worley stated people get frustrated after reading the first couple of pages of the budget report. He stated that he can follow parts of the report but his main point was people don't know where their money is being spent. He believed that when you publish something, people should be able to see and understand it.

Bob Worley stated at one time Butte-Silver Bow printed the budget in the newspaper. He commented that if the budget report was condensed, and he realizes that it may be \$1500-

\$1600 a page or a couple of pages in the newspaper but would be money well spent. It might help the people to understand the budget a little better and put in Lamen's terms.

Ristene Hall commented that she requested budgets from a couple counties and most of their budget reports were very simplistic and easy to read. It had basic pie charts that showed how much was spent on wages, road work and so forth. Ristene thought BSB could follow a similar format where a person can take a quick glance over it and if more detail was desired, they could make that decision.

Northey Tretheway commented that would be a good starting point.

Paul Babb stated he would take these issues into consideration and thought they were some good points. Paul Babb moved on to discuss how he has been trying to get folks that work in different areas involved in looking at different ways that they can serve the public, for example, the Courthouse. On a quarterly basis, Paul Babb meets with other elected officials so they are on the same page with other elected officials. They understand what is happening from the Chief Executive's Office and he can understand what is happening in their areas. Paul Babb mentioned another perfect example is people coming into the courthouse do not know where they are supposed to go and would end up wandering into somebody's office. Paul mentioned at one of the first meetings he had, he addressed how the public could be better served and get them to where they needed to go. A simple solution was to put up an information sandwich board. What is being worked on now is having some type of information booth that would sit in the rotunda of the courthouse where the person in charge of the reception area would be moved and in charge of the telephones located right in the middle of the courthouse, which would serve a couple of purposes. 1. It puts a good face on the government so when people come in someone greets them and they can find out where they need to go. 2. It helps with a security standpoint because right now there is no security and people can wander throughout the courthouse.

The other thing that Paul has asked people to do, and it goes to every individual employee, is take a look at when you walk into your workplace. He commented that we all put the blinders on and one thing he has been preaching is that we need to improve Butte's image and we need to start cleaning up the town. Paul Babb suggested as employees, we can start cleaning up our workplace and if you walk around the courthouse you will see the active effort to keep the area clean. Paul Babb discovered that garbage cans were not located on every floor and had garbage cans placed on every floor so people can throw their garbage away. Paul Babb stated that one of the places where the public has a chance to interface with the government is right here in this room (first floor of the Courthouse Conference room). You can see the changes that are happening in there. We have repainted the room, the windows now work, there is new carpet and furniture, things that have been on peoples minds but had no place to address it. Paul Babb mentioned the government being perceived in a different way so that we are serving the public to the best of our ability. When problems arise the public has a place they can address his/her concerns to and that is the committees we have formed with other elected officials, which bring it to the Department Heads. Paul Babb didn't

know if anyone noticed in front of courthouse but for several months there were some park benches that were all busted up. He never noticed them until he walked by them one night and was talking to one of the reporters. Paul Babb stated they could look over and see that the park benches were busted up. Everybody had seen the benches but nobody had gone the extra step to get it fixed. The next day Gary Lean's crew was there fixing the park benches. Paul Babb commented that we have something and that is taking a small problem and fixing it. Paul Babb has been trying to interface with the employees and with the other elected officials on things that are important to the government employees and to the public and address them to the best of our ability. Paul Babb is also trying to make sure that the employees of Butte-Silver Bow feel important. Paul Babb asked what can we do to recognize the Butte-Silver Bow employees that work hard day in and day out and to keep in mind many times the budget doesn't allow us to look at pay increases of 3% or \$25 in insurance which seems to be the standard. Paul Babb mentioned that when you talk to the public many think that government workers are lazy and don't do anything, which is not the case. He stated these people work hard and how do we recognize them? Paul Babb mentioned starting a years of service recognition award where people will be recognized for years of service and an employee's club that people can join and have a few dollars taken out of their paycheck. Paul Babb mentioned having picnics or things that other businesses do so that we are doing things important to the employees showing that we are all on the same team, working towards the same goal, and that they are important to this government. Those are some of the little things that Paul Babb has been working on.

Paul Babb shifted gears and discussed another area in the legislature, the Council of Commissioners, the role that the Chief Executive and the Administration plays of what they do in Helena. Paul started out with the Council of Commissioners. Paul stated that the Chief Executive is responsible for holding the Council meetings and every other week, Paul runs the Council meetings. Paul Babb stated that he needs to make sure the meeting is being run in an orderly fashion and that the first priority of business gets addressed or resolved that night and that there is follow-up to confirm what the Council has decided. The other thing Paul has done is try to work closely with the Council of Commissioners so they have an Open Door Policy with him to make sure they are working together on the same goals. One of the things that Paul has told many Council Commissioners is although we may not agree on certain things, he will work with them in a professional manner, and will present what he thinks is important to the best of his ability. However, Paul Babb commented when it comes time to vote, there is a decision and there will not be any arm-twisting. He will present his case and that is where they will need to do what is best for their conscience and make the best choice for citizens of Butte-Silver Bow. Paul Babb stated that having a good working relationship with the council is high on his list.

Paul Babb then addressed Helena and what happens on a legislative standpoint. Paul Babb stated when he first took office, one of the first questions asked of him was would he be hiring a lobbyist to look out for Butte-Silver Bow interests? His answer was no. Butte-Silver Bow is to elect legislatures and they are our lobbyist in addition to the Department heads and the people that serve this government. The Chief Executive and



whatever is important to Butte, we will be over there to testify and make sure what is in the best interest of Butte; that we are over there to stand in front of legislature and put our case in front of them. He believed we had a good working relationship with the legislature. Paul Babb stated that they spent a lot of time in Helena testifying on bills that would affect the port of Montana, with the Union Pacific Railroad, on the change of venue. He testified on the airport authority where the legislatures were looking at changing that instead of being an appointed position by the local government and that it would be an elected position. Paul Babb stated that we put a lot of work into the Public Defender's Office, the Chief Office. Paul Babb asked what could we do to make sure that office would be located in Butte-Silver Bow. They put together a proposal and worked with various businesses in Butte-Silver Bow. They worked with our legislatures and other legislatures around the state and when they went over there to testify, they stated that the Public defender's office should be in Butte-Silver Bow not because it was poor Butte crying out but that we needed that office. They stated the case and put a proposal in front of them that said it made the most sense to have the Public Defender's Office in Butte from a fiscal standpoint. They had people from the Thornton Building, people from the Resodyn Building that showed Butte-Silver Bow had a turnkey office space that was the most affordable in the state and this is where the office should be located. Paul Babb stated that the legislatures saw this and we now have that office. Paul Babb stated it was really a team effort where our legislatures worked very hard on it and gave credit to Debbie Shea, who went over there lobbying working on behalf of Butte-Silver Bow. She never charged Butte-Silver Bow anything. Another person he gave credit to was Bill Penn, Economic Development Director, who was over there with the private sector putting proposals together. Paul commented that we put a real professional face on Butte-Silver Bow.

One of the things that Paul Babb did, the day after he was elected, was set up a meeting with Brian Schweitzer before he took office. He wanted to talk with the governor one on one and say we are here. Paul stated that we will do whatever we can to be a part of this state, and what is good for Butte is good for the rest of the state, and vice versa. Paul stated that we want to be plugged into what is happening in Helena and different organizations, whether its with MACO or Montana League of Cities and Towns. That we are plugged into the network and that Butte-Silver Bow has a professional face. Paul stated that what is good for Butte and the state, we want to be involved in from the legislative standpoint and that is what his office is involved in.

The other thing that Paul wanted to talk about is community involvement. Paul commented, as Chief Executive, he found out in a hurry that people of Butte-Silver Bow, no matter what group or organization, they want somebody from the top level of government to be involved in what ever they have going on, whether it's a festival, a graduation for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, a dedication or service club, a basketball tournament, and he will make every effort to be there if his schedule permits it. Paul Babb stated he will give the welcome to our city and when people are coming in from out of town, visiting our city, he will be the person that gets in the center stage of the basketball court and welcome the visitors to our city or when he is asked by Hillcrest, Margaret Leary, or any other school in Butte, to come down and read to the kids, if he can he will be there. Paul

Babb thinks that is something the community really wants. A Chief Executive, who is in his mind, one who shares the same role as the mayor; that the people of Butte want somebody who does proclamations and who is at functions that are visible in the community. Somebody who is very accessible has an open door policy where they can come in and talk to him. That is something that Paul has pledged to do and something that he has been doing to the best of his ability.

Paul Babb stated the other thing from a community standpoint, is that the Chief Executive is Butte's chief Economic Development Director. He stated one of the things that he has said and Northey has heard him say is that Butte-Silver Bow's Chief Executive is the person that should be driving the vision for the city. The vision that Paul Babb has set for the city is working on making Butte the most livable community in the state setting the bar very high. Everybody that is working on economic development in the community needs to have a shared vision. Paul Babb asked how do we get there together when everything will precipitate up. Paul replied, what he has done is start meeting on a weekly basis with the community leaders that are involved in the economic development. We have headwaters RC and D, the Butte Local Development Corp., Northey with MERDI, we have the Chief Executive's office, Economic Development Director, Bill Penn and then we invite people from the community so that we are all on the same page and when Northey is working on a project, he is aware of it. When the Butte Local Development is working on a project, everybody in that room is aware of it. They are then taking on projects that they feel are important to our community. Paul Babb mentioned one of the first things we are tackling is a relocation packet for Butte. Paul said, instead of talking about things, lets implement and get things done.

Paul Babb mentioned the other thing they are doing is, if you talk to any group about economic development, the thing that comes out number one is community image and how do we clean up our town. The way Paul Babb is addressing this is as Department Heads, everybody involved from the local government that reports to him, meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m. in his office to tackle the major community development projects/problems in our town and take these on project by project. Paul mentioned we have Steve Kambich from the court, and the Sheriff's department involved, public works and on down the line. Everybody sits in that room and we do not (End of tape 1)

Bob Worley commented on the conference call being held on Tuesday. He had spoke to Ken Weaver about the survey. Bob Worley stated that Ken Weaver has no problem with doing or helping the Council do the survey. Ken Weaver thought the Council only had half a dozen questions that were really relevant. For example, he didn't think anything should be needed with the dogcatcher because it is just an elector or a point. He didn't think Council wanted to elect a dogcatcher. Discussion about the type of written survey was mentioned and to have it placed into some type of bill such as the water co. bill. Mentioned that Council might also go outside and do a smaller phone survey in the outlying areas that are not serviced by the water company. Bob Worley stated that Ken Weaver is uncomfortable doing a phone survey due to getting answering machines, cell phones and no answers. Ken Weaver and Bob Worley suggested that Council have the water company do the written survey for them and have a certain percentage of phone

surveys be done in the outlying areas that are not served by the water company. Bob mentioned that the survey is not going out to everybody and are looking for a sampling of 400 surveys back. Council believed that 900-1000 surveys would need to be done to get a return of 400.

Bob Worley suggested that if the 90/10 rule was going to be done, it would cover the outlying areas: Melrose, Ramsay, and Divide. He further suggested asking Ken Weaver if there were any questions not asked or questions not on the survey that Council may go through. Bob scheduled the meeting with Ken for May 16, 2005 at 12 p.m. until 1p.m.

Meg suggested making an extra copy of the survey so notes could be made on the page in the appropriate places, which makes it easier to keep track of what is being said.

***Survey Updates:*** When Dave Palmer returns next week they will discuss more on the survey. Bob Worley asked Tony Bonney if he had done anything with the outlying survey. Tony Bonney commented that he has made contacts in Divide and Ramsay but has not been able to set any dates. Tony Bonney believed the month of May would be the best time and the best time to catch them is the second Tuesday of the month. By then they should have two meetings by the phone with Ken Weaver.

Bob Worley mentioned that Shag Miller volunteered last week to work on an ad for the paper. Asked if additional help would be needed. Meg stated that once they had the information, she could do the layout real easy.

***Discussion of Guest Speakers for May 5th:*** Council reviewed and discussed potential speakers.

Pat Burke, who audits the county records, would like to speak before the commission. Bob Worley will work on the Agenda for May 12, 2005 and will get together with Ron Rowling.

Guest speakers scheduled for May 5, 2005 are: Jean Pentecost, Jed Hoopes, John VanDaveer, Wilma Puich and Rick Griffith

***Date for next meeting:*** May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 in Anaconda. Everyone agreed to meet at the front steps of the courthouse. The regular meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

***Adjournment of Meeting:*** Meg Sharp motioned to adjourn meeting. Northey Tretheway seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.